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SUBJ: EXPLORATION/PRODUCTION AGREEMENTS IN SINAI

REF CAIRO 6278

1. SALIM RIZKALLAH, UNDERSEC MINPET, CALLED EMBOFF JUNE 2
TO REQUEST, ON BEHALF MINPET HILAL, COPY OF SINAI II DIS-
ENGAGEMENT AND MAP SHOWING SINAI BUFFER ZONE. RIZKALLAH
ALSO REQUESTED
MAP WITH GULF OF CONOCO EXPLORATION BLOCKS SUPERIMPOSED ON
DISENGAGEMENT LINES IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. RIZKALLAH EXPLAINED
THAT HILAL IS STUDYING CAREFULLY THE QUESTION OF ACCESS TO THE
UNEF BUFFER ZONE FOR PURPOSES OF OIL EXPLORATION. IN RESPONSE
EMBOFF'S EXPLANATION THAT MFA HAS COPY OF SINAI II AND PERTINENT
MAP, RIZKALLAH AND MINPET BELIEVES THEY CAN BE OBTAINED MORE
QUICKLY FROM US.

2. WE HAVE PROVIDED RIZKALLAH WITH UNCLAS SINAI II DOC-
UMENTS. ALTHOUGH MINPET SHOULD CLEARLY HAVE OBTAINED THEM FROM
MFA, WE HAVE DO SO PRIMARILY IN AN EFFORT TO FACILITATE
THE ACTIVITIES OF THE AMERICAN COMPANIES THAT HAVE RECENTLY
SIGNED EXPLORATION AGREEMENTS FOR THE SINAI AREA.

3. AS WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE
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EFFECTIVE COORDINATION BETWEEN MINPET AND MFA ON THE EFFECT
OF THE SINAI AGREEMENTS AND THE RESULTANT UNEF BUFFER ZONE
ON THE EGYPTIAN ASSERTION OF SOVEREIGNTY IN THAT BUFFER
ZONE. IN FACT, MINPET OFFICIALS HAVE INDICATED TO US THEIR
BELIEF AND ANNOYANCE THAT THE MFA HAS NOT PROVIDED THEM WITH
THE TRUE FACTS OF THE SITUATION. WE ARE NOT CONCERNED WITH
EGYPTIAN INTERNMINISTERIAL SQUABBLES, BUT DO WANT TO BE OF HELP

TO THE AMERICAN COMPANIES INVOLVED. HILAL'S INTEREST MAY
MEAN EGYPTIANS ARE GETTING READY TO MAKE A REQUEST TO UNEF
FOR ACCESS TO BUFFER ZONE FOR OIL EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES.
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NOTE BY OC/T: DISSEMINATION COORDINATED WITH S/S-O - MR. PERITO.

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